THE SEVENTH DAY.

19th February 1913.

SUBJECTS.

The Assembly met again at 11 A. M. on Wednesday, the 19th February 1913.

95. The need for certain roads in the Parur taluk.

Mr. P. K. Kochuvava (Member, Nominated) said that there were practically no roads in Munambom and requested that the following roads should be constructed:—

(1) A road from the Parur—Kuriapalli Road in a westerly direction to Munambom *via* Puthiakavu, Machanthuruthu and Kunjithie. The road would afford facilities to the people of the western *pakuthies* of the Parur taluk to go to Parur where the public offices were situated.

(2) A cartable road from Chakkarakadavu to the Parur main road. It would relieve the passengers landing at Chakkarakadavu by steam launch from the difficulties they now experienced to get to the main road.

(3) He also requested that the road from the northern extremity of Munambom to the Cochin boundary through the market should be metalled, and the bridges *en route* also repaired.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

96. The desirability of devising measures to prevent the erosion of the sea at Munambom.

Mr. P. K. Kochuvava (Member, Nominated) said that the coast at Munambom was being eroded by the sea which was destroying the cocoanut gardens on the coast. The erosion also led to the silting up of the Munambom bar. The Member therefore requested that effective protective works should at once be done to prevent the erosion of the sea at Munambom.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

97. The construction of the Talliar Left Bank Channel and other irrigation works in Anjanad.

Mr. T. R. Lekshmana Singh (Member, Devicolam taluk) said that it was six years since the Talliar Left Bank Channel was under investigation and yet the scheme had not been sanctioned. The channel, if opened, would help the conversion of about 400 acres of waste lands into wet arable lands, besides irrigating about 250 acres of the existing paddy fields. The Government would also get a water cess of about Rs. 2,000 annually and the cost of the channel could be recovered in 15 years. He next said that there were about 600 acres of lands in the Kanthalur and the neighbouring *pakuthies*, but that, owing to the failure of the monsoons, the crops were very poor. There was a place near Kanthalur surrounded by hills on three sides, and if a bund be erected on the fourth side by joining the promontaries with a dry rubble wall, the monsoon water as well as the stream water

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that flowed through, could be stored there and let out for the use of the cultivators, whenever there was scarcity of water.

He prayed that his representations might receive the early attention of the Government.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer reported that the construction of the Talliar Left Bank Channel would be very expensive and that, even if constructed, much of land could not be brought under irrigation. He proposed, as an alternative measure, the improvement of the existing four channels, which was likely to be far less expensive. He has been thereupon asked to investigate the alternative scheme and report the result. This report is awaited.

98. Roads in the Planting districts.

Mr. H. C. Westaway (Member, the Central Travancore and the Mundakayam Planters' Associations) being absent at the time, Mr. G. A. Baker (Member, Nominated) read his representation. The Member first conveyed the thanks of the Association to the Government for improving the condition of the Kottayam—Kumili Road since he sent up his memorandum. The same road required further improvements from the 33rd to the 40th mile and particularly from the 52nd mile to Kumili. He also drew attention to an old trace between Peermade and Devicolam which did not seem to have been recorded on any Government plan. The cutting of the road would open out an immense tract of country for cultivation and facilitate the export of a large quantity of valuable timber which was at present unavailable for want of a suitable out-let. It would also become the main road for the transport of rubber and for the supply of food stuffs to the Mundakayam estates. Lastly, all the tea from Peermade would go over that road as well as the food supplies for that districts The Member therefore requested that the Government might be pleased to give their earnest consideration to the road.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

VI.—Public Health.

(1) Town Improvement Committees.

99. The re-organisation of the older T. I. C's and the enlargement of their powers with regard to finance.

Mr. C. Raman Tampi, B. A. & B. L. (Member, T. I. C., Quilon) said that the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation was amended by Regulation V of 1085 as a result of the representation of the T. I. C. delegates in the Assembly. The proportion of the non-official members to the official members and the Committee's powers over finance were not interfered with by the amending Regulation. On the other hand, some of the powers exercised by the Committees in regard to sanitation and appointments, dismissals &c., of some of the servants of the Committees were withdrawn and conferred upon the Presidents and Vice-Presidents. The non-official members were of opinion that a further expansion of the financial powers of the Committees was possible. The survey of the present position of the educated classes in Travancore made by Mr. K. Parameswaren Pillai in advocating reform in the Legislative Council might have convinced the Government

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